

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371

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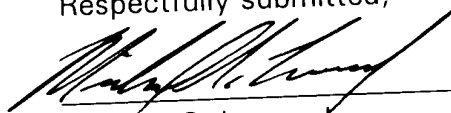
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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §371 dated February 22, 2001, Applicants submit the attached signed Declaration and Power of Attorney. A copy of the Notification and a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge are also enclosed.

In compliance with M.P.E.P. §601.01(a), the signed declaration includes the title of the application which also appears on the specification as filed. Also, this response identifies the application by serial number and filing date. Thus, the declaration properly identifies the specification to which it pertains.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 08-1212.

Respectfully submitted,

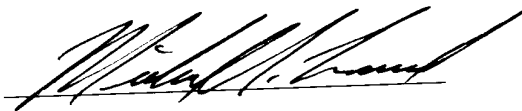


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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael A. Brand", is written over a horizontal line.